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Hampton may see up to 8 inches of snow; plows ready; libraries, centers closed this evening

Jan. 28, 2014 -- The National Weather Service forecast for Hampton now expects that we will receive more snow than earlier projections -- up to 8 inches. Public Works is putting down final road pre-treatments and plow crews are ready.

Here's the Hampton forecast from the weather service:

We can expect to see light snow starting between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday. Heavier snowfalls will begin sometime between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., affecting commutes this evening. Temperatures will be in the lower 20s, with steady winds between 15 and 25 mph, and gusts up to 30 mph.

Public Works crews have pre-treated all the main streets with brine solution and were out Tuesday morning putting a second coating on bridges and trouble spots. Plow trucks are loaded with salt and ready to deploy when the snow begins.

Most of the snow will fall between 6 p.m. and midnight, with another inch between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday morning. However, with temperatures between 18 and 20 degrees, there will be icy conditions. Public Works crews will work through the night to clear main roads as quickly as possible.

The snow is expected to stop sometime between 9 a.m. and noon Wednesday. Temperatures Wednesday are not expected to get above freezing but should reach 35 degrees on Thursday.

The HELP A Night's Welcome shelter for the homeless this week is located at First Presbyterian Church on South Armistead Avenue and is prepared to open early if needed and remain open during the day on Wednesday, depending on conditions.

Cancellations:

Hampton City Schools has canceled after-school activities for Tuesday.

No evening hours at libraries, community centers and parks.

The Wetlands Board meeting for Tuesday evening is canceled.

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